

Southern Campaign American Revolution Pension Statements & Rosters

Pension application of Aaron Kendall S15909

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State of Virginia Stafford County SS

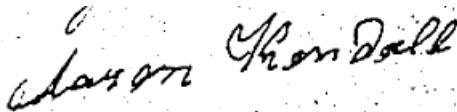
On this 14th day of October 1833 personally appeared in open Court before the Justices of the County Court of Stafford now sitting Aaron Kendall a resident of the County and State aforesaid aged sixty-nine years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following Declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the Act of Congress passed June 7th 1832. That he entered the service of the United States in the Virginia Militia in the month of June 1781, in the company commanded by Captain William Harding. The Regiment to which the said Company belonged was commanded by Colonel James Ganet [?], Lieutenant Colonel William Phillips & Major Grigg; That he was employed in & about the Town of fall month in the County aforesaid, in guarding that part of the Country until in the month of October 1781 when the British prisoners were taken at York Town were brought to the said County on their way to the Barracks beyond Winchester; that while the British prisoners were in the said County he became the substitute of his brother Moses Kendall who was one of the guards employed in guarding the said prisoners to their place of destination and he accordingly went as such substitute with the said prisoners to the Barracks beyond Winchester, from which place he returned to the County of Stafford after an absence of about twenty-five days. The company of guards in which he was employed as the substitute for his brother was commanded by Captain William Ballard; Colonel Edmunds & Major Welch were officers in the Regiment of guards but the latter was the acting commandant. When the Declarant returned home from Winchester as aforesaid he and the militia company to which he belonged were summoned to guard to Winchester about three hundred seventy British prisoners, who had been left behind in consequence of wounds, sickness, & other causes & who had arrived in Fredericksburg about the time of the Declarant's return aforesaid. The Declarant accordingly went to Fredericksburg & attended the said prisoners from that place to Winchester where they were quartered, the Barracks beyond that place being full. Two companies of guards containing together 108 men & commanded by Colonel Phillips attended the last named prisoners – the one in which the declarant was a soldier was commanded by Captain Jos. Smith [Joseph Smith] and the other by Captain James Primm, Rawleigh Brown [Raleigh Brown?] was Quarter Master, James Sterne & John Starke were lieutenants (the latter was taken sick at Fauquier Court house and returned home), Rawleigh Palmer [Raleigh Palmer?], Anthony Bing, John Harding & George Williams

were sergeants. The Declarant continued to serve in the militia of the State of Virginia until the close of the Revolutionary War, a period of more than 2 years from the commencement of his service before stated. At the time the Declarant entered the service of his country as aforesaid he resided in the County of Stafford and State of Virginia where he was born & continued to reside until the year 1805 during which year he removed to the State of Ohio; He resided in the last mentioned state until 1827 when he returned to this County & State where he has since been & now is. The Declarant remembers the names of many soldiers & officers who served with him but they are all or nearly all out of the Commonwealth or did.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or annuity except the present and declares that his name is not on the Pension Roll of the Agency of any State.

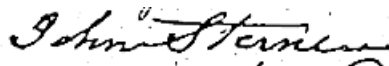
Sworn to and subscribed the day and year first in the foregoing preceding mentioned.

S/ Aaron Kendall



I John Sterne, a citizen of the County of Stafford & State of Virginia do hereby certify that I was one of the guard mentioned in the foregoing Declaration who guarded the prisoners who were taken at Yorktown in 1781 to Winchester and from the circumstances detailed by the Declarant in regard to that service I am convinced that he was one of the said guards and served as he states although I do not remember that he was one. I believe the said Declarant to be 69 years of age & to be a man of veracity.

S/John Sterne



[William Starke gave a standard supporting affidavit.]

[p 31: Note the first part of the following document is illegibly faint as posted on Fold3.com. what little I can make of it is that it is another affidavit given in Stafford County Virginia by the veteran in what appears to be 1834 and is probably given in amendment of his application. What follows is a transcript of a portion of the document that I can read at least to some degree:
"That he was called into service in the company of militia commanded by Captain William Harding as mentioned in his said original Declaration on the 11th day of June 1781 and continued in active service until the 15th day of December following – Until the Capture of Lord Cornwallis at Yorktown the Declarant and the Company and Regiment to which he was attached was stationed at the [illegibly faint word] old field near Falmouth – it was considered necessary that these forces should maintain that position to protect the surrounding Country from the ravages of and in dating enemy who was then in our borders and whose approach to that part was daily expected. After the capture of Cornwallis this Affiant became the substitute of his brother in a Company of guards who were employed in guarding the British prisoners to the barracks beyond Winchester & immediately on his return he & the Company of militia to which he belonged guarded other British prisoners from [one or more indecipherably faint words] to Winchester as stated in his original declaration – he got home from Winchester on the 15th of December having been employed in guarding the prisoners in the two trips more than forty days. After his return he continued to serve in the militia until the close of the war a period of more than two years from the commencement of his service as aforesaid. The declarant after the 15th of December 1781 was not engaged in any distant tours or in very active service. He was made permanently

lame [?]¹ by the fatigues of his previous service; and the exposed situation of the frontier Country in which he resided required the services of all its inhabitants to protect it from the attack of the enemy both by land & water. He was always in readiness to fight for his country whenever occasion might require it.

S/Aaron Kendall

[Veteran was pensioned at the rate of \$20.44 per annum commencing March 4th, 1831, for service as a private for 6 months & 4 days in the Virginia militia.]